information received from the States/UTs, a total of 70,13,229 applications have been submitted for loans under Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY).

(b) 35,97,984 applicants have been provided with loans by the banks.

(c) Ministry of Rural Development has taken up the matter with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Ministry of Finance who have been advised for close monitoring of the SGSY scheme in order to ensure distribution of loans to the poor to achieve annual credit targets fixed under the scheme Ministry of Finance has issued directions to the Chairman and Managing Directors of banks to take stern action against the officers who are not achieving the credit targets under SGSY.

PMGSY in Madhya Pradesh

†238. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any amount has been provided to Madhya Pradesh under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana during the year 2005-06;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the such amount would be provided now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) Rs. 376.2870 (Rupees three hundred and seventy six crore twenty eight lakh and seventy thousand only) was released under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during 2005-06 to Madhya Pradesh.

PMGSY in U.P.

239. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds issued to the State of Uttar Pradesh under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the last three years ending 31st March, 2006, year-wise;

(b) whether all the funds issued have been spent for the purpose for which issued;

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(c) if not, the extent of unspent amount, year-wise and whether that would be adjusted against future requirement for the purpose; and

(d) the length of village roads constructed so far in the State and by when all the villages in the State are likely to be connected by such roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) The flow and utilization of funds under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is governed by the PMGSY Guidelines. The funds released can only be spent on the projects approved under the programme without any diversion. The details of the funds released and utilized by the State during the last three years are given below:

Year	Amount released (Rs. in crore)	Amount spent (Rs. in crore)
2003-04	338.11	286.81
2004-05	328.76	436.65
2005-06	644.69	368.01

(d) The total length of roads constructed under the PMGSY upto 31st March, 2006 since its launch in 2000-01 is 13524 kms. The target under Bharat Nirman is to connect all the habitations having a population of 1000 and above (500 and above in hilly and tribal areas) by 2009.

Drinking water in rural areas

†240. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of habitations in the country especially in rural areas of NCT of Delhi where arrangements for supply of drinking water is made and the number of habitations where drinking water arrangements are yet to be made; and

(b) the plan with regard to making arrangements for providing drinking water in all the rural areas of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) and (b) Drinking water is a

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